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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8625

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEAN

SUBJECT: REGIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATION INITIATIVES

REF: A) MANILA A-304; B) STATE 242878

1. SEPTEMBER 16-20 MEETING OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN PREPARATION FOR GATT NEGOTIATIONS DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PRODUCED ANY DETAILED DECISIONS ON COMMON ASEAN APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS.

2. SESSION WAS, OF COURSE, FUNDED BY UNDP, AND ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY ASEAN AND UNCTAD. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT SIMILAR SESSIONS ARE BEING ORGANIZED FOR OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THAT ORIENTATION OF MEETINGS IS TECHNICAL, BEING DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BASIC TOOLS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF PROCEDURES, TECHNIQUES,

AND ECONOMIC CALCULATIONS WHICH REQUIRED FOR SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL GATT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. DESIRE TO ADOPT COMMON ASEAN POSITION WAS INTERWOVEN IN MINDS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WITH EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF SESSION. IN TERMS OF CONCRETE RESULTS, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY THINKING HAD NOT PROGRESSED TO POINT WHERE COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS COULD TAKE PLACE. ALTHOUGH PRESS ANNOUNCED MEETING IN ADVANCE, THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO COVERAGE IN PRESS WHEN MEETING CONCLUDED AND EMBASSY SOURCES REPORTED LITTLE MORE THAN GENERAL AGREEMENT TO ADOPT COMMON POSITIONS. DELEGATES REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD UNDERTAKE NECESSARY STUDY OF COMMODITIES OF INTEREST TO THEM, PREPARATORY TO EVENTUAL DETERMINATION OF WHAT COMMON POSITIONS MIGHT BE ADOPTED AT SOME APPARENTLY UNSPECIFIED POINT IN FUTURE.  
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